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H.CON.RES. 290 – COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 290 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Donald Manzullo(R-IL) on February 7, 2008. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to the resolution under suspension on February 27, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 290 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 290 resolves that Congress:

- Commemorates the 175th anniversary of United States and Thailand relations;
- Offers its sincere congratulations to the Kingdom of Thailand and the Thai people for their democratic, free, and fair election;
- Commemorates the 80th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand and offers its sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Kingdom of Thailand; and
- Looks forward to continued, enduring ties of friendship between the Thai and American people.

BACKGROUND

In 1833, President Andrew Jackson and King Rama III signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce, initiating an official relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand. Thailand became the first treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region. Today, Thailand is America's 20th largest trading partner with bilateral trade totaling \$30,600,000,000 per year according to the International Trade Association, and was designated as a non-NATO ally in December of 2003.

A unified Thai kingdom was established in the mid- 14th century, and was known as Siam until 1939. A non-violent revolution established Thailand as a constitutional monarchy in 1932.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is currently the world's longest serving monarch, and on December 5, 2007, celebrated his 80th birthday. King Bhumibol Adulyadej began his ascent to the throne after the assassination of his brother, King Ananda Mahidol in 1946. He was crowned King of Thailand on May 5, 1950. On December 23, 2007, the Royal Thai Government held nationwide parliamentary elections.

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